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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the heading beginning on page 1, line 19 and ending at page 2, line 8 as follows:

In such a data communication system, the customer can order the photo shop for printing photographic prints and transmit the image data to the photo shop from his terminal equipment such as the personal computer. Furthermore, it is possible to administrate the image data with respect to each customer who ~~registers~~ registers his customer's ID (identification) in the data base server, so that the customer can utilize the services for surveying or editing an electronic album. Still furthermore, the customer can order the photo shop to reprint the photographic prints by using the image data memorized in the data base server. When the data base server receives the order from the customer via the network, the data base server searches the image data according to the order from the memory thereof and transmits the image data to the photo shop with the contents of the order. When the photographic prints are printed by the photo shop, the customer can receive the photographic prints via

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the mail or at the storefront.

Please substitute the heading beginning on page 8, line 21 and ending at page 9, line 6 as follows:

In the image data administration apparatus 1, software programs for functionalizing the image data administration apparatus 1 as a internet server and a data base server are installed on a predetermined operating system in the sub-memory [[11]] 15. In the terminal equipment 2 or the controller 3 of the photographic printer 4, a WWW browser is installed in the sub-memory [[11]] 15 thereof. In the terminal equipment 2 of the customer, a software program for reading the image data from the digital camera is further installed. In the controller 3 of the photographic printer 4, software programs for controlling the exposure and the development operations of the photographic paper in the photographic printer 4 are further installed.

Please substitute the heading beginning on page 17, line 12 and ending at line 25 as follows:

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When the thumbnail images are selected by the customer, the file names of the selected image data are transmitted to the image data administration apparatus 1 from the terminal equipment 2. The index image data processor 104 reads out the image data of the selected images from the image data memory 152 (Step ST183). Subsequently, the index image data processor 104 forms an index image data in which the selected thumbnail image data are arranged, for example, in the order of the date at which the image data are taken (Step ST184). The image data read out from the image data memory 152 and the index image data formed by the index image data processor 104 will be transmitted to the controller 3 of the photographic printer 4 at the photo shop with the print order by the data transmitting controller 106 (Step ST185). When the index image data is formed, the index image data forming process is completed.